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This has got to be, without a doubt, the single worst settlement ever made. It's obvious to myself and everyone else who actually understands the "tech industry" that the Department of Justice has no idea whatsoever of how to handle businesses that abuse the system so blatantly as Microsoft has. They have put up with Microsoft dragging their heels for years and, just as there was some hope of actually getting somewhere, they completely and utterly fold. Granted, breakup of the company is far from the best idea, but there are literally dozens of other solutions which, as far as the public has been notified, were not even considered. At the VERY least the government ought to have forced TOTAL licensing of ALL Windows code to whoever wants it for a fixed, REASONABLE price. The "remedies" that the DOJ/M\$ team have come up with are a travesty and will in no way impair Microsoft's illegal, immoral actions in the slightest nor will they "stimulate the economy". In fact, the onl!

y thing they will do is hurt the consumer and impair their "choices" in software and hardware resources for now and years to come. I can only hope that the court will see reason and reject the "settlement" outright. I'm ashamed, as an American, to have this "Justice" department representing me.

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